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## TUCSON MAN SENTENCED TO 16 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR MAKING THREATENING PHONE CALLS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

TUCSON – The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on July 21, 2006, David Alan Softely, 42, of Tucson, Arizona, was sentenced to 16 months in prison, by United States District Judge Roll.

Defendant had been charged with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 875 in that he had made threatening interstate communications to United States Customs and Border Protection agents by telephone from Iowa to Arizona.

Defendant had entered a plea of guilty on February 22, 2006.

Defendant had made approximately 10 threatening interstate telephone calls from Iowa to the agency's office in Tucson between August and October, 2005. Several times he left tape recorded messages to a specific victim threatening to come to Tucson and harm the victim. On November 1, 2005, defendant indeed showed up in person at the main Tucson office of the United States Customs and Border Protection agency and continued to confront the agents, at which time he was arrested by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The prosecution was handled by David Paul Flannigan, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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